

Drug Investigation Leads to One Arrest and One Suspect At Large-Seafood



Rayshawn Sheppard ARRESTED



Dajuan C. Sheppard-WANTED

Seafood- The Delaware State Police have arrested one suspect and another remains at large in connection with the distribution of illegal drugs.

On October 8, 2019, the Sussex Drug Unit (SDU) assisted by the Sussex Governor's Task Force (GTF) concluded a one month investigation into the matter of 28-year-old **Rayshawn Sheppard** and 18-year-old **Dajuan C. Sheppard** who were distributing illegal narcotics from their residence, located in the 24000 block of German Road, Seafood, DE. Detectives obtained a search and seizure warrant for the residence. Upon arrival to the residence, SDU and GTF located Rayshawn Sheppard standing by his bicycle on German Road near the residence. While Rayshawn Sheppard was taken into custody, he attempted to discard approximately 1.13 grams of powder cocaine.

During the execution of the search warrant at the residence, the following was seized:

- Approximately 1170 bags of heroin (8.19 grams)
- Approximately 11.28 grams of powder cocaine
- Approximately 94.89 grams of marijuana
- Over \$1300 in suspected drug proceeds
- A .40 caliber Taurus handgun loaded with five rounds that was reported stolen
- Drug Paraphernalia



A computer inquiry revealed that Rayshawn Sheppard was a person prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition. He was transported back to Troop 4 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance in a Tier 4 quantity
- Possession of a controlled substance in a Tier 5 quantity
- Possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance in a Tier 2 quantity
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited Prior Violent Crime or Felony (2 counts)
- Possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance (2 counts)
- Receiving a Stolen Firearm
- Attempted to Commit Tampering With Physical Evidence
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Rayshawn Sheppard was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$71,600.00 secured bond.

Troopers have been unable to locate **Dajuan Sheppard** who currently has an active warrant for possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance. Anyone with information in reference to the whereabouts of Dajuan Sheppard is asked to please contact Troop 4 at 302-856-5850. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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